



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Samoan Heritage Week

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Government and the Samoan Community of Hawai'i understands that more than sixty years ago following World War II, Samoans began to migrate in large numbers across the Pacific Ocean to locations encompassing a wide expanse from New Zealand to Hawai'i, and to the Continental United States, eager to gain access to economic opportunities to redefine their lives and improve their children's future in a changing world; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Government and the Samoan Community of Hawai'i acknowledges the Samoan families that have flourished in the vibrant communities across our State forming a significant part of the rich cultural diversity in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Government and the Samoan Community of Hawai'i values the achievements local Samoan families have made in Hawai'i; succeeding by being steadfast to their cultural values of respect, sharing and cooperation, while negotiating a balance to effectively cope with the demands and dictates of their new living environment; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Government and the Samoan Community of Hawai'i acknowledges the significant contributions Samoans have made to the strength and progress of the State of Hawai'i in public and private leadership, entertainment, the armed forces, sports, law enforcement, academia, business and religion; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Government and the Samoan Community of Hawai'i recognizes that Samoans remain determined to preserve and to pass on their history, traditions and culture to future generations of Samoans, as well as the wider communities of the State of Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of August 7-13, 2011 as

"SAMOAN HERITAGE WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us and **Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Governor of American Samoa**, in celebrating Samoan Heritage Week in Hawai'i recognizing the achievements of the people of American Samoa and the Samoan Community of Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of June, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i